The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I would draw the hon. Member's attention to the statement that has been printed as appendix to this answer, from which he will be able to verify his conclusion."

Action taken by the Government on the representations of the South Kanara District Landholders' Association and the Puttur Taluk Landholders' Association.

* 126 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the representations made to the hon. the Revenue Member by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association at Mangalore and the Puttur Taluk Landholders' Association at Puttur during his recent visit to the district have been considered by the Government; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

A.—(a) & (b) The representations are still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know what the subject-matter of this representation was?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of that question."

Tax on coconut trees standing on poramboke in the Trichinopoly district.

* 127 Q.—Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are collecting 8 annas instead of 2 annas, the previous rate, as tree tax on coconut trees situated on poramboke in the Trichinopoly district;

(b) what the rate is of such tree tax in the Tanjore district; and

(c) why such enhanced tax is collected in the Trichinopoly district?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) One anna and three pies per coconut tree in respect of trees planted before 1st July 1927 over which the Government have recognized the proprietary rights of the owners. For trees planted after that date a rate of 8 annas per tree is being levied.

(c) The tax on coconut trees was revised in the year 1921 in all districts but in view of the peculiar history of the tree-tax system in the Tanjore district, the old rate, viz., one anna and three pies per coconut tree, was allowed to continue in that district for trees over which the Government have recognized proprietary rights. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.Os. No. 2207, Revenue, dated 4th October 1921, No. 136, Revenue, dated 24th January 1923, and No. 1184, Revenue, dated 22nd June 1927,